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For: DUAL-PHASE HARD MATERIAL,

METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION

THEREOF AND ITS USE

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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to issuance, please enter the following amendments in the above-captioned case.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.